

NOVEMBER 2006
NORTHERN COMMAND

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

The Northern Command continued the transition from Fall to Winter. The holiday season began in earnest and public awareness campaigns kicked off concentrating on the drinking driver. A portable sign was deployed warning drivers of congested traffic southbound on US 395 near Moana. Traditionally this area gets backed up and traffic collisions occur as the motoring public heads toward concentrated shopping centers.

The command showed a reduction in total crashes for the second straight month. Total crashes decreased by 10.4 % from last month and 15.9% from last year. Crashes decreased in every category from last month. Property crashes by 8.3%, Injury by 14.2% and Fatal crashes by 25%. When compared to last year, Property Crashes decreased by 24.3%, but went up by 7.9% on Injury and 50% (1) on Fatality Crashes. All 3 fatality crashes were unrestrained drivers. Seatbelt education remains a priority to the Highway Patrol Division, and we worked an overtime enforcement campaign funded by a grant through the Office of Traffic Safety, in addition to routine patrol enforcement.

Overall enforcement efforts were down slightly when compared to last month and last year. The command remains down approximately 10% in trooper staffing. There are new troopers in training and several others awaiting transfer into the area.

The Commercial Enforcement Section conducted 857 safety inspections, issuing 2906 repair orders. They also weighed 1324 trucks, and issued 30 overweight citations.

On the Administrative side of the house, the biggest news to report is the moving of the entire Dispatch Center and Warrant Section from Reno to Carson City. This endeavor was years of planning, building and development finally realized. The ultimate move-in day went fairly smoothly, and there was no loss of service to the troopers on the road or the public we serve. Everybody involved did an outstanding job of coordination and teamwork.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

| | Nov 2006 | | Nov 2005 | % Change | | Oct 2006 | % Change |
|--|----------|--|----------|----------|--|----------|----------|
| Total Crashes | 343 | | 408 | -15.9% | | 383 | -10.4% |
| Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles] | 231 | | 305 | -24.3% | | 252 | -8.3% |
| Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles] | 109 | | 101 | 7.9% | | 127 | -14.2% |
| Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles] | 3 | | 2 | 50.0% | | 4 | -25.0% |
| DUI Crashes [DUI charged] | 20 | | 19 | 5.3% | | 15 | 33.3% |
| Total persons killed in fatal crashes | 3 | | 2 | 50.0% | | 4 | -25.0% |
| Total drivers killed without seatbelts | 3 | | 1 | 200.0% | | 1 | 200.0% |
| Total passengers killed without seatbelts | 0 | | 0 | 0.0% | | 0 | 0.0% |
| Total drivers killed with seatbelts | 0 | | 1 | -100.0% | | 2 | -100.0% |
| Total passengers killed with seatbelts | 0 | | 0 | 0.0% | | 0 | 0.0% |
| Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable | 0 | | 0 | 0.0% | | 1 | -100.0% |
| Total number of commercial vehicle crashes | 12 | | 13 | -7.7% | | 30 | -60.0% |
| Property crashes involving commercial vehicles | 9 | | 8 | 12.5% | | 19 | -52.6% |
| Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle | 2 | | 5 | -60.0% | | 9 | -77.8% |
| Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle | 1 | | 0 | 100.0% | | 2 | -50.0% |

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.9%

Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 5.8%

Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 100%

Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes 3.5

CRASH ANALYSIS:

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FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

| | Nov 2006 | | Nov 2005 | % Change | | Oct 2006 | % Change |
|---|----------|--|----------|----------|--|----------|----------|
| DUI arrests from crashes ** | 20 | | 18 | 11.1% | | 15 | 33.3% |
| DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ** | 82 | | 107 | -23.4% | | 97 | -15.5% |
| Other Arrests | 506 | | 416 | 21.6% | | 486 | 4.1% |
| Total persons arrested (DUI included) ** | 222 | | 200 | 11.0% | | 231 | -3.9% |
| Speed violations | 1732 | | 1899 | -8.8% | | 1674 | 3.5% |
| Hazardous moving violations | 697 | | 805 | -13.4% | | 701 | -0.6% |
| Occupant restraint violations * | 293 | | 317 | -7.6% | | 373 | -21.4% |
| Total violations [above violations included] | 5285 | | 5447 | -3.0% | | 5358 | -1.4% |
| Commercial Enforcement | | | | | | | |
| Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests | 43 | | 100 | -57.0% | | 52 | -17.3% |
| Other traffic violations - citations/arrests | 55 | | 101 | -45.5% | | 69 | -20.3% |
| Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6] | 857 | | 843 | 1.7% | | 578 | 48.3% |
| Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only | 1 | | 0 | 100.0% | | 2 | -50.0% |
| Total safety violations -- citation | 423 | | 341 | 24.0% | | 200 | 111.5% |
| Total safety violations -- repair order | 2906 | | 2784 | 4.4% | | 1904 | 52.6% |
| Total vehicles placed "Out of Service" | 133 | | 120 | 10.8% | | 85 | 56.5% |
| Total drivers placed "Out of Service" | 119 | | 92 | 29.3% | | 62 | 91.9% |
| Total school buses inspected | 76 | | 42 | 81.0% | | 23 | 230.4% |
| Total school buses placed "Out of Service" | 18 | | 9 | 100.0% | | 6 | 200.0% |
| Total trucks weighed | 1324 | | 382 | 246.6% | | 1014 | 30.6% |
| Total overweight citations | 30 | | 62 | -51.6% | | 23 | 30.4% |
| Total dyed fuel inspections | 535 | | 544 | -1.7% | | 338 | 58.3% |
| Total dyed fuel citations | 5 | | 0 | 500.0% | | 1 | 400.0% |

* Seat belt and child restraint

** Commercial Enforcement Activity Included

FIELD ENFORCEMENT:

Field enforcement decreased in almost every category; however, the total decline is small. Total violations decreased by 1.4% from last year and 3% from last year. When compared to last month, DUI crashes increased by 5, with DUI arrests prior to crash decreasing by 15. One of the top DUI officers was on sick leave the entire month due to surgery.

Commercial Enforcement totals are good. The section continues to outpace last year's totals, and the goals set with federal officials. Citation enforcement was down, while the section concentrated on inspections and weights.

RENO URBAN TRAFFIC

The Reno Urban area was staffed with 31 trooper positions during the month of November. However, one trooper reported at the end of the month and one trooper was out on family sick leave. Therefore, there were 29 troopers actually working the road during the month, which is down by one position over last month. Three troopers are currently in various phases of the PSTO program. The Reno Urban area is carrying 5 vacancies and one trooper remains on active military duty. We are actively seeking to fill these vacancies and have been given a reporting date in February for one trooper. Another trooper has also been granted a transfer to the urban area but that has been put on hold pending a replacement.

The Reno Urban area crash statistics continue to point toward a downturn in total crashes over last year and last month. This month's total of 184 crashes was 15% fewer than November of last year and 11% fewer than last month. No identifiable crash trends were noted, however, the completion of construction projects can be a contributing factor to the decline in crashes over last year. This is the third consecutive month without a fatality in the Reno Urban area. Swing shift investigated the majority of the crashes or 56%, followed by day shift with 29% and graveyard with 15%.

Total enforcement activity remained relatively unchanged over the same period last year but decreased by 11% over last month. The decrease can be attributed to more than usual training to get everyone caught up for the year. In addition, the urban area had one less trooper position available and three troopers being trained in the PSTO program by three other troopers. DUI arrests were down slightly over last month and last year. This can be directly attributed to the fact that one of the urban areas highest DUI troopers was re-assigned to day shift to fill a vacancy.

CARSON/TAHOE/MINDEN

For the month of November, the Carson/Tahoe/Minden District showed an average overall decrease in accidents.

The CTM District investigated one (1) fatal accident. This fatality occurred on US-50 east at Lyon County Mile Marker 19 when the driver of the at fault vehicle was killed as he drifted left of center into oncoming traffic. A CTM trooper is being assisted by the SIRT Team on this investigation. The one (1) fatality, and one hundred total accidents in November, has been a reprieve for the CTM District from the past two months, which resulted in five fatality accidents, multiple serious injury accidents, and an on average of fifteen percent higher overall accidents. It is anticipated as winter weather approaches, overall accidents will increase for the CTM District.

Overall, all areas of violations are down comparatively to last month as well as last year excluding *Other Arrest* and *Total Person's Arrested (DUI Included)*, which have increased by 14.1% and 7.5% respectively compared to last year. Both Day and Swing shift conducted two Directed Enforcement assignments and utilized the aircraft on one (1) date.

A trooper completed PSTO in mid-November and is currently a highly active asset for the CTM District. Another trooper is currently in the C Phase of PSTO with the anticipation of completion in mid-February. A trooper is currently supporting the Court/Warrants Office and is anticipated to return in the first week of January 2007.

FERNLEY/FALLON

The Fernley/Fallon District had a reduction in total crashes. Total crashes are down 31.5% compared to last year and down 9.1% compared to last month. Property damage crashes are down 47.4% compared to last year and down 3.2% compared to last month. Injury crashes are up 12.5% compared to last year, but down 18.2% compared to last month. Fatal crashes are up by two (2) over last year with two persons killed. With five months of crash data collected, the district reports an increase of four (4) more fatal crashes this year compared to last year. A review of each crash has failed to identify any trends.

Staffing levels remained the same as last month with Fernley holding one vacancy. This vacancy represents a 16% decrease in staffing at the trooper level for the Fernley area. This decrease continues to affect the area's field enforcement efforts compared to last year, and officers from surrounding areas are being assigned to fill some of the public service gaps in the Fernley area.

Total violations were down 10.4% compared to last year, but up 26% compared to last month. DUI arrests from crashes went up 900% (for 10 arrests) compared to last year. DUI arrest prior to crashes went down 66.7%. A review of these DUI crashes revealed no pattern or enforceable trend. The majority of these crashes (9) took place during the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, which is also the peak staffing time for the area officers.

All district personnel worked hard this month to improve the decreasing enforcement activity reported last month. The Fallon area officers reported an 11% increase over last month and the Fernley, Yerington and Lovelock areas reported a 37.7% increase over last month. Most importantly is the fact that through their hard work and dedication to work the crash corridors, district officers have continued to reduce the total number of crashes this month.

COMMERCIAL ENFORCEMENT

The Commercial Enforcement Section currently has 17 assigned troopers. However, during the month of November, the commercial staffing level was down by three. We still currently have two vacant positions and have another trooper out on light-duty status for the entire month of November.

The Commercial Enforcement Section continued with its mandatory re-certification training. In addition, during this reporting period, several personnel instructed numerous training classes. In November, annual and compensatory time, along with training time, decreased from the previous month. The total overtime claimed for November was up from the previous year. This overtime included the Strike Team program, STEP program, range, training, Dignitary Protection Detail, and other special events/ coverage. In November, the "total work hours lost" was up approximately 17.3%, compared to the previous year.

November is the second month in the new 2006-2007 month of the Federal Fiscal Year. At the end of November, the Northern Command Commercial Enforcement Section exceeded all of its goals and objectives set forth in the 2006-2007 Commercial Vehicle Safety Plan (CVSP), with the exception of Level I inspections. In December, the Northern Command Commercial Enforcement Section will be concentrating on Level 1 inspections, which will include passenger busses and commercial vehicles, carrying hazardous materials.

The Commercial Enforcement Section handled three property damage crashes and one injury crash. One of the property crashes involved a commercial motor vehicle (CMV). The commercial section also assisted the traffic division with 14 crashes. Out of 14 other crashes, three involved a commercial motor vehicle.

In October/November 2006, the Northern Command Commercial Enforcement Section sent one trooper to the California Highway Patrol (CHP) Academy to attend the General Roadside Hazardous Material (Haz-Mat) Instructor class, which was sponsored by FMCSA/NTC. The Northern Command Commercial Enforcement will be utilizing this person in our effort to re-certify our personnel in basic General/Roadside Haz-Mat. Currently, all personnel will be re-certified every three years.

INTERAGENCY CRIMINAL ENFORCEMENT (ICE) TEAM

This is the fifth month of statistics reporting for the DPS Northern Command ICE Team as it became functional July 1, 2006. There are no comparison statistics for prior annual periods.

We handled one injury crash in the Reno Urban area. Additionally, we assisted Traffic Operations with calls for service for more than 4.5 hours.

Field enforcement activity included:

- 1 contact where a subject was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance for Sales (11,475 grams of marijuana, or 25.16 lbs).
- 5 other separate contacts where subjects were cited for less than an ounce of Marijuana.
- Additionally, there were 2 DUI's and several other misdemeanor arrests.

The ICE Team is currently staffed with 3 officers and 1 sergeant. Total work hours lost was 174.25, or 25.18% of the 692 total staff hours. This is not including the loss of our P & P officer for the entire month. Our officers attended Interview and Interrogation training this month for a total of 90 hours. We used 40 hours of Annual leave, 18.25 hours of Comp leave and 0 hours of Sick leave. There were 9.5 hours of claimed overtime and comp accrued.

The sergeant spent many administrative hours ordering equipment and meeting with our partnering agencies to facilitate our coordinated efforts. Thus far, UNRPD and Washoe County have begun allocating staff and additional units are scheduled to work with our DPS units several times in December.

Some equipment has arrived and already put to use in the field. Some pieces of equipment are not expected to arrive until about February. The remaining equipment is primarily interdiction-specific and will serve to enable our officers to search in a more safe and efficient manner.

AIR OPERATIONS

The Northern Command aircraft was out of service until November 16, having the donated GPS/Com/Transponder installed at the Minden airport by Chaparral Avionics.

Despite this two week down time, the aircraft flew a total of 50.2 hours for the month. Of that total, 31.2 hours, or 62% of the flight time was spent on airborne speed enforcement. One in-state prisoner transport was accomplished for 3.2 hours of flight time and the Colonel was transported to Las Vegas and back to attend a meeting for a total of 5.5 flight hours. These

transports accounted for 17% of the total flight time. The remaining flight time was accounted for by maintenance and pilot night certification.

10 speed enforcement missions were scheduled for the month; 8 were flown and 2 were cancelled due to maintenance. 420 enforcement actions were taken. Of these, 9 were hazardous moving violations, 57 were non-hazardous violations, 344 were for speeding and 10 seatbelt tickets were issued.

This total enforcement activity represents a 1% increase over the prior month and a 32% increase over the same period last year.

Two arrests were also made as a result of speed clocks. One arrest was made for an outstanding FTA warrant and one man was arrested for an active felony burglary warrant.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

| ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES | Nov 2006 | Nov 2005 | % Change | Oct 2006 | % Change |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| FRONT OFFICE | | | | | |
| Accident Reports Processed | 351 | 402 | -12.68% | 400 | -12.25% |
| Arrest Reports Processed | 187 | 173 | +8.09% | 228 | -17.98% |
| Incident / Officer Reports Processed | 9 | 14 | -35.71% | 22 | -59.09% |
| Office Accident Reports Taken | 25 | 34 | -26.47% | 29 | -13.79% |
| COURT / WARRANT | | | | | |
| Warrants Received | 393 | 505 | -22.2% | 373 | 5.4% |
| Warrants Entered | 378 | 136 | 177.9% | 564 | -33.0% |
| Warrants Cleared | 302 | 424 | -28.8% | 330 | -8.5% |
| Warrants Validated | 1840 | 174 | 957.5% | 2063 | -10.8% |
| Citations Processed | 2859 | 3735 | -23.45% | 3642 | -21.50% |
| COMMUNICATION CENTER | | | | | |
| Radio Transmissions | 105905 | 102678 | 3.14% | 156792 | -32.46% |
| CAD incidents | 13423 | 13049 | 2.87% | 20174 | -33.46% |

FRONT OFFICE

One AAI is still serving as the Acting Records Supervisor. Both clerks involved with the Court Services section have been heavily utilized for front office coverage due to the vacancy of the AAI position and front office changes. As well, these 2 clerks have performed 41 court call-offs. They were also responsible for 13 court runs, processing 182 subpoenas, processing 138 citations for court, and 135 pieces of transport and miscellaneous court paperwork. Overtime utilized by the records section continues to be for assistance with the second-check backlog, and archiving the 2001 DUI and fatal accident reports.

The film clerk processed 193 Veripic cases this period, as well as 24 digital photo requests and 5 35mm requests. She is still assisting with Storekeeping duties and has continued to make a large amount of progress in organizing and cleaning the storage warehouse.

Sick leave increased this period by 154% due to the cold and flu season, with compensatory leave heavily decreasing by 76%. Annual leave increased by 16%. Paid overtime decreased by 7%. Compensatory time earned increased by 87% due to the front office changes.

Office reports taken decreased to 25 for the month. Accident reports taken by troopers decreased by 12% this period. Arrest reports decreased by 18%. Incident reports taken by officers have also decreased by 60%. Citations issued and processed decreased by 22%.

Goals for the administrative section: Complete the hiring of the vacant AAI, Records Supervisor position.

COURT WARRANTS

Court warrants personnel are functioning with improved filing and record keeping. Recent personnel developments have called for improvement in quality control and record keeping. As solutions are found, the duties in Court Warrants will change to accommodate them. The lessening of statistics overall is accounted for in the moving of the office to Carson.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Northern Command Communication center is down 4 PSD I positions. We are awaiting background checks to attempt to fill them. One PSD I is currently in training. The center itself moved from Reno to Carson City. It should be noted that during this move, there was no down time or loss of transmissions/traffic.

Total work hours lost decreased by 27.41% since last month primarily due to an increase in annual, sick, and comp leave. It increased by 24.76% from the previous year due to an increase in holiday off leave.

Compensatory overtime decreased by -49.81% when compared to last month. Overtime as a whole decreased by 23.77% when compared to the same period last year and decreased by 35.88% when compared to last month. Vacant positions accounted for 52.9% of overtime, followed by training at 39.41%, annual leave at 25.82%, and meetings at 22.09%.

The changes are attributed mainly to a lessening of requested time off. However, all shifts remain understaffed and this continues to present a liability to the division.

Radio transmissions increased by 3.14% over this period last year and decreased 32.46% since last month. CAD incidents have increased by 2.87% over last year and decreased 33.46% since last month. These fluctuations appear to be caused by increased traffic calls and the number of units in the field.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR

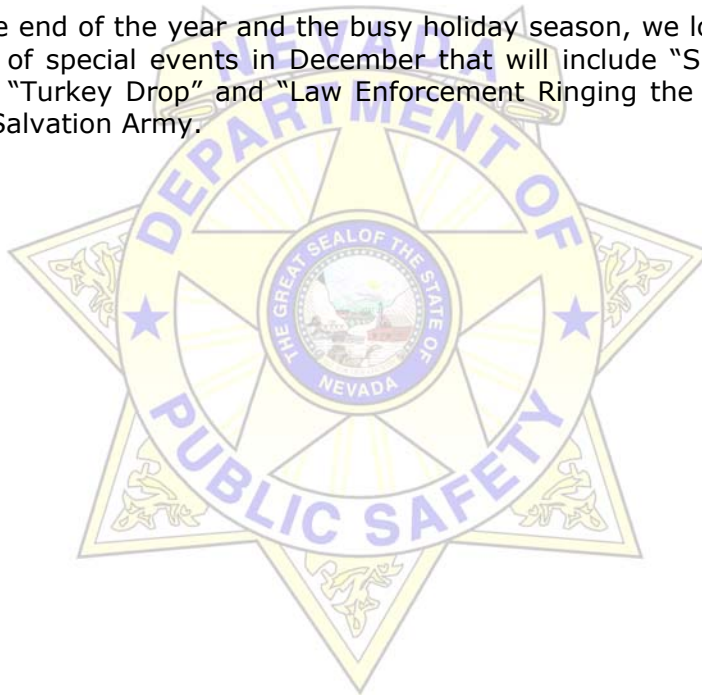
The month of November was a busy month in the public relations coordinator's office. A number of events to include a trip to Buffalo, New York for the International Law Enforcement Torch Run conference were part of the topics in this month's activities. Law enforcement officers from around the world assembled in Buffalo to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the original "torch run." It was a great opportunity to attend this event as Special Olympics is recognized as the "charity of choice" by the International Association of

Chiefs of Police. The Nevada and Northern California chapter of Special Olympics hopes to increase more awareness throughout the coming year to support such a great cause.

In other news, a number of television and radio interviews were completed prior to the 4 day Thanksgiving weekend as our agency participated in the nationwide "click it or ticket" program emphasizing the use of seatbelts and child restraints. We were fortunate not to have a single fatality traffic accident in Northern Command over the busiest 4-day weekend of the year. With a grant secured by the Department of Public Safety-Office of Traffic Safety, 4 overtime shifts were made available to concentrate on hazardous moving and occupant restraint violations.

Toward the end of the month, Trooper Allen was temporarily assigned to Director Togliatti's office to fill in as the Department's Public Information Officer (PIO). During this interim, sergeants from the Northern Command will be assisting the media by conducting interviews and completing press releases for serious injury and fatality crashes. We will continue to assist and promote our department by facilitating the 5 daily live traffic reports with News channel 8 on their morning news show.

As we approach the end of the year and the busy holiday season, we look forward to being part of a numbers of special events in December that will include "Shop with a Cop", as well as the annual "Turkey Drop" and "Law Enforcement Ringing the Bell", both of which are hosted by the Salvation Army.



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